

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

North East Branch Programme

Introduction

Welcome to the North East Branch Programme.

The Branch encompasses both Call Change and Method Ringing towers and ringers whose skills range from just starting out to real experts.

In putting together a programme the N-E Branch Committee has tried to accommodate everyone who wishes either to improve their ringing whilst remaining within their own discipline, or to move on to other things or to participate in something more challenging and of greater interest.

The following is a summary of Branch activities. Further details are given in the monthly sheets which follow.

Quarterly Meetings

These take place on the first Saturday of January, April, July with the Annual General Meeting in October and all members are invited. They provide an excellent opportunity to ring at a different tower, remember why churches have bells and socialise with other members. The quarterly meeting in April and the AGM in October are business meetings and provide an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Committee any ideas for improving ringing or issues of concern. The quarterly meetings in July and January are social events.

6 Bell Practices

These take place on the first Saturday, or the second Saturday when there is a quarterly meeting, of every month between 10.00 and 12.00 at different towers. Both call changes and methods are rung. The sessions are arranged by Richard Barker (contact details on monthly sheets) who would welcome prior notice of anything you would like to ring. They provide an excellent introduction to ringing at other towers.

Tower Outings

A good day out and a chance to ring at towers outside the Branch.

Joint Practices

Joint practice with East Devon Branch (occasionally)

Joint practice with Dunster Branch (usually in August)

Troyte Ringing Centre

The branch is fortunate in having the Troyte Ringing Centre based on the towers at Huntsham and Bampton. In general Huntsham is the venue for courses, a monthly quarter peal and some advanced method ringing although this year there is an attempt to move away from Huntsham for the advanced ringing. Bampton has a dumb bell and an ABEL simulator which is used for the initial training of new ringers, practice in doubles methods, and trying out compositions. Bampton also carries out training for other towers either at Bampton or at the tower requesting help.

Huntsham Courses

Programme A – Call Changes. A two hour session every month on a Saturday morning from 10.00-12.00.

Programme B – Plain Single Hunt Doubles. Two hour sessions at varying times – see monthly sheets for details.

In addition there are a number of 'one off' practical courses and courses on bell ringing theory which are programmed as necessary. Keep an eye on the Troyte Ringing Centre website for further information.

Bampton

Because training at or by Bampton is tailored to individual needs it does not appear in the Branch programme. However, if anyone thinks that Bampton can help please contact the Tower Secretary – Pat Hatchett on 01398 331843.

Guild Events

See either the Guild website or monthly sheets.

North East Branch Calendar of Events August 2017

Date	Time	Event*	Venue**	Contact
Saturday 5-Aug	10.00-12.00	6 Bell Practice	Tiverton St Paul's	Richard Barker (Karen@wondermail.co.uk)
Wednesday 2-Aug	19.30	Quarter Peal	Huntsham	Sheila Scofield (01884 256819 sheilascofield@hotmail.com)
Tuesday 9-Aug	19.30-21.00	Triples and Plain Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 19-Aug	10.00-12.00	Development Programme A - Call Changes	Huntsham	Catherine Thorpe (07766 700558 catherinegthorpe@gmail.com)
Saturday 12-Aug	10.00-13.00	Plain Bob Doubles (TRC event. See TRC website for details)	Hunsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Sunday 13-Aug	14.30-16.00	Development Programme B - Plain Single Hunt Doubles	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 19-Aug	10.00-12.00	East Devon Surprise Major Practice (N-E Branch invited)	To be arranged	Derek Ballard (derekballard@beltower.co.uk)
Wednesday 23-Aug	19.30-21.00	Surprise Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Wednesday 30-Aug	19.00-21.00	Development Programme B - Plain Single Hunt Doubles	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)

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Branch Practice Towers - Weekly Practices

Mondays	19.30-21.00	All Saints, Huntsham
Tuesdays	19.30-21.00	St Peter, Tiverton
Thursdays	19.00-21.00	St Michael, Bampton (the first hour is primarily for young ringers)
Fridays	19.30-21.00	St Paul, Tiverton

North East Branch Calendar of Events September 2017

Date	Time	Event*	Venue**	Contact
Saturday 2-Sep	10.00-12.00	6 Bell Practice	Cruwys Morchard	Richard Barker (Karen@wondermail.co.uk)
Wednesday 6-Sep	19.30	Quarter Peal	Huntsham	Sheila Scofield (01884 256819 sheilascofield@hotmail.com)
Friday 8-Sep	10.00-12.00	Development Programme B - Plain Single Hunt Doubles	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Wednesday 13-Sep	19.30-21.00	Triples and Plain Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Friday 15-Sep	19.00	Branch Committee Meeting	Heathcott Centre, Tiverton	Jenny Jones (northeastsec@devonringers.org.uk)
Saturday 16-Sep	10.00-12.00	Development Programme A - Call Changes	Huntsham	Catherine Thorpe (07766 700558 catherinegthorpe@gmail.com)
Saturday 16-Sep	10.00-12.00	East Devon Surprise Major Practice (N-E Branch invited)	To be arranged	Derek Ballard (derekballard@beltower.co.uk)
Sunday 17-Sep	14.30-16.30	Development Programme B - Plain Single Hunt Doubles	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Wednesday 20-Sep		Mid-Week Outing	To be arranged	Karen Lewis (Karen@wondermail.co.uk)
Wednesday 27-Sep	19.30-21.00	Surprise Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)

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North East Branch Calendar of Events October 2017

Date	Time	Event	Venue*	Contact
Wednesday 4-Oct	19.30	Quarter Peal	Huntsham	Sheila Scofield (01884 256819 sheilascofield@hotmail.com)
Saturday 7-Oct	14.00	Annual General Meeting (open ringing 14.00-15.00; Service 15.30-16.15; Meeting)		Jenny Jones (northeastsec@devonringers.org.uk)
Wednesday 11-Oct	19.30-21.00	Triples and Plain Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 14-Oct	10.00-12.00	6 Bell Practice	Cheriton Fitzpaine	Richard Barker (Karen@wondermail.co.uk)
Saturday 21-Oct	10.00-12.00	Development Programme A - Call Changes	Huntsham	Catherine Thorpe (07766 700558 catherinegthorpe@gmail.com)
Saturday 21-Oct	14.00	Guild Striking Competitions	Hosted by N-E Branch	
Sunday 15-Oct	14.30-16.30	Minor Methods Practice	Huntsham	Mike Hatchett (01398 331843 michael.r.hatchett@gmail.com)
Wednesday 25-Oct	19.30-21.00	Surprise Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 28-Oct	10.00-13.00	Learn & ring a new method in 3 hours (TRC Event. See TRC website for details)	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)

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Wednesday 1-Nov	19.30	Quarter Peal	Huntsham	Sheila Scofield (01884 256819 sheilascofield@hotmail.com)
Saturday 4-Nov	10.00-12.00	6 Bell Practice	Bampton	Richard Barker (Karen@wondermail.co.uk)
Wednesday 8-Nov	19.30-21.00	Triples and Plain Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 11-Nov	10.00-13.00	Raising & Lowering in Peal (TRC Event. See website for details)	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 18-Nov	10.00-12.00	Development Programme A - Call Changes	Huntsham	Catherine Thorpe (07766 700558 catherinegthorpe@gmail.com)
Saturday 18-Nov	10.00-12.00	East Devon Surprise Major Practice (N-E Branch invited)	To be arranged	Derek Ballard (derekballard@beltower.co.uk)
Wednesday 22-Nov	19.30-21.00	Surprise Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 25-Nov	10.00-13.00	Plain Bob Doubles (TRC Event. See TRC website for details.)	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 25-Nov	16.00-18.00	Minor Methods Practice	Huntsham	Mike Hatchett (01398 331843 michael.r.hatchett@gmail.com)
Wednesday 29-Nov	19.00	Branch Committee Meeting	Heathcott Centre, Tiverton	Jenny Jones (northeastsec@devonringers.org.uk)

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Saturday 2-Dec	10.00-12.00	6 Bell Practice	Halberton	Richard Barker (Karen@wondermail.co.uk)
Saturday 2-Dec	14.00-17.00	Plain Hunt (TRC Event. See TRC website for details)	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Wednesday 6-Dec	19.30	Quarter Peal	Huntsham	Sheila Scofield (01884 256819 sheilascofield@hotmail.com)
Wednesday 13-Dec	19.30-21.00	Triples and Plain Major Practice	Huntsham	Les Boyce (01884 256819 lesboyce@gmail.com)
Saturday 16-Dec	10.00-12.00	Development Programme A - Call Changes	Huntsham	Catherine Thorpe (07766 700558 catherinegthorpe@gmail.com)
Saturday 16-Dec	10.00-12.00	East Devon Surprise Major Practice (N-E Branch invited)	To be arranged	Derek Ballard (derekballard@beltower.co.uk)
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